

REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held Monday, June 22, 2015.

Mayor Jordan called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL was answered by Councilmembers Judith F. Davis, Konrad E. Herling, Leta M. Mach, Silke I. Pope, Rodney M. Roberts and Mayor Emmett V. Jordan. Councilmember Edward V. J. Putens was detained due to a family emergency and arrived at 8:18 p.m.

ALSO PRESENT were Michael McLaughlin, City Manager; David Moran, Assistant City Manager; Karen Ruff, Associate of the City Solicitor; and Cindy Murray, City Clerk.

Mayor Jordan asked for a moment of silence in memory of residents Ann Moriarty, Margaret (Marge) Wersick and Berneice Mast. Mr. Roberts then led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Ms. Davis requested the minutes of the June 8, 2015, meeting be removed from the agenda. With this change, it was moved by Ms. Pope and seconded by Mr. Herling that the consent agenda be approved. The motion passed 6-0.

Council thereby took the following actions:

Minutes:

Work Session, May 18, 2015

Regular Meeting, May 26, 2015

Work Session, June 3, 2015

Work Session, June 10, 2015

Approved as Presented

Reappointments to Advisory Groups: Council reappointed Lola Skolnik and Kelly Ivy to new terms on the Park and Recreation Advisory Board.

Resignation from Advisory Group: Council accepted the resignation of Katherine Rekkas from the Arts Advisory Board.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: It was moved by Mr. Herling and seconded by Ms. Mach that the agenda be approved. The motion passed 6-0.

PRESENTATIONS:

Parks and Recreation Month Proclamation: Mayor Jordan read a proclamation to recognize July as Parks and Recreation Month. Nicole DeWald, Arts Supervisor, received the proclamation and provided an overview of this year's summer recreation camps and programs.

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS: Basil Early, member of the Greenbelt Swim Team, submitted a petition (attached) requesting a change in the City policy that requires her (as a transgender) to use the disabled/family changing room at the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center (GAFC) and prohibits her usage of the women's changing room. She noted that she will no longer use the disabled/family changing room after finding the room covered in human excrement on June 4, 2015.

Mr. Roberts said that the Library had experienced a similar incident in its restroom. Ms. Pope said the same type incident had occurred in a restroom at Springhill Lake Elementary School.

Mayor Jordan said Council would consider Ms. Early's request.

Janeen Miller, 14 Lakeside Drive, encouraged Council to act quickly on Ms. Early's request and allow her to use the women's changing room at the GAFC.

Joe Murray, 9-Q Research Road, submitted a request for a tick control program for the City, similar to the program used in the past by the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center. After discussion, Council suggested the request be referred to staff for review and then to the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability and the Forest Preserve Advisory Board.

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS:

Regular Meeting June 8, 2015: Ms. Davis requested the minutes be changed to note that she had attended a Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) Climate, Energy and Environment Policy Committee (CEEPC) Conference Call Meeting and the Friends of Greenbelt Museum Roosevelt Ride and Lunch. With these changes, it was moved by Ms. Davis and seconded by Mr. Putens that the minutes be approved. The motion passed 7-0.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: Ms. Davis reported that the Goddard Space Flight Center had erected a banner announcing its Community Day on September 26th. She also reported on problems with the parking lot surface in the Municipal Parking lot.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

LEGISLATION:

End of the Year Budget Adjustments

- A. An Ordinance to Make a Supplemental Appropriation in the 2001 Bond Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2015, in the Amount of One Hundred and Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$190,000) for Additional 2001 Bond Fund Expenditures over the Appropriated Amount

Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Mr. Herling introduced the ordinance for first reading and moved suspension of the rules in order to allow second reading and passage of the ordinance tonight. Ms. Davis seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL:	Ms. Davis	-	yes
	Mr. Herling	-	yes
	Ms. Mach	-	yes
	Ms. Pope	-	yes
	Mr. Putens	-	yes
	Mr. Roberts	-	no
	Mayor Jordan	-	yes

Mr. Herling introduced the ordinance for second reading and moved that it be adopted. Mr. Putens seconded.

Bill Orleans, Greenbelt, asked and was provided answers to several questions.

ROLL CALL:	Ms. Davis	-	yes
	Mr. Herling	-	yes
	Ms. Mach	-	yes
	Ms. Pope	-	yes
	Mr. Putens	-	yes
	Mr. Roberts	-	no
	Mayor Jordan	-	yes

The ordinance was declared adopted (Ordinance No. 1342, Book 12).

B. A Resolution for Re-Appropriation of Funds within Departments in the General Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2015

Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Mr. Putens introduced the resolution for first reading and moved suspension of the rules in order to allow second reading and passage of the resolution tonight. Ms. Mach seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL:	Ms. Davis	-	yes
	Mr. Herling	-	yes
	Ms. Mach	-	yes
	Ms. Pope	-	yes
	Mr. Putens	-	yes
	Mr. Roberts	-	yes
	Mayor Jordan	-	yes

Mr. Putens introduced the resolution for second reading and moved that it be adopted. Ms. Pope seconded.

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ROLL CALL:	Ms. Davis	-	yes
	Mr. Herling	-	yes
	Ms. Mach	-	yes
	Ms. Pope	-	yes
	Mr. Putens	-	yes
	Mr. Roberts	-	yes
	Mayor Jordan	-	yes

The resolution was declared adopted (Resolution No. 2031, Book 8).

REALIGNMENT OF THE GREENBELT COMMUNITY BASED VETERANS OUTPATIENT CENTER: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Brian Hawkins, Director of the Washington DC Veterans Affairs Medical Center (FVBSMC), explained that the Greenbelt Community Based Outpatient Center (CBOC) located at 7525 Greenway Center Drive will be closed by September 30, 2015, because the suite had been sold to a new owner that did not want to lease the unit to the CBOC. He said the veterans currently receiving medical services at this facility will be directed to the Prince George's County CBOC located in Camp Springs which is a larger facility with more comprehensive medical services, including dental services. Mr. Hawkins said veterans can also choose to receive services at the CBOC at Fort Meade.

Mr. Hawkins said the Greenbelt CBOC had been experiencing declining enrollment with 1,500 veterans receiving services last year compared to approximately 1,700 veterans the year prior. Ms. Davis asked how many of the 1,500 veterans were Greenbelt residents. Mr. Hawkins said he didn't have that number available but would check and provide it to Council.

Council expressed concern that the CBOC was leaving Greenbelt and the veterans who utilized this facility may no longer have their medical needs addressed because of inaccessibility to the CBOC in Camp Springs. They noted the available office space and the easily accessible public transportation system available in Greenbelt. Mr. Hawkins explained that with the Federal Government Procurement Process, it would take a minimum of 18 months to get a new facility operational and veterans would still have to have medical care in the interim. He added that public bus service was available to the CBOC in Camp Springs clinic. In response to a suggestion by Mr. Herling, Mr. Hawkins said he would contact County Executive Baker and request improved bus service options for veterans utilizing the Camp Springs facility.

Mr. Roberts asked the mode of transportation for veterans utilizing the CBOC facilities. Mr. Hawkins said it depended on the location of the clinics. He said in DC, most veterans utilize public transportation to the CBOC in DC but utilize private vehicles to the CBOC in suburban areas.

There was discussion regarding veteran homelessness. Mr. Hawkins said the Washington DCVAMC Community Resource and Referral Center (CRRC) is available 24/7 and will find veterans shelter immediately in Washington DC. Mr. Hawkins said the DCVAMC would welcome an opportunity to partner with local governments and/or other organizations to help homeless in other communities. Ms. Pope suggested the Greenbelt American Legion or Greenbelt American Legion Auxiliary may be interested in a partnership with DCVAMC.

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Mr. Hawkins said he would provide an update to Council once or twice each year on the status of the CBOC. Mr. Putens suggested Mr. Hawkins attend the July Four Cities meeting.

PROGRAM OPEN SPACE ANNUAL PROGRAM: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Ms. Pope moved that Council approve the City's FY 2016 Program Open Space Annual Program as proposed by staff. Ms. Mach seconded.

Mr. Roberts said he was opposed to the use of POS funds for construction projects/facility upgrades. He said the funds should be used only for land acquisition for the protection of the environment.

Ms. Davis said the proposed POS program includes \$62,948 for land acquisition if the opportunity should arise. She added that the City has a good track record with the State on its usage of POS funds.

Ms. Mach expressed concern about the possibility of the State taking back the \$62,948 POS funds for land acquisition that are unencumbered. Mr. McLaughlin agreed this is a concern but said the funds cannot be encumbered unless a specific use/project is identified.

In response to a question from Mr. Putens, Mr. McLaughlin said staff can update the list of vacant properties in the City.

Ms. Davis Called the Question. Mr. Putens seconded. The motion (Call the Question) passed 6-1. (Roberts)

The motion (original) passed 6-1. (Roberts)

COUNCIL REPORTS: Councilmembers commented on their attendance at the following events.

Beltway Plaza Wall of Fame Ceremony – Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis, Mr. Putens, Ms. Mach and Ms. Pope

Park and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting/Recognition of Retired Member Christopher Husker – Ms. Mach

National League of Cities Energy, Environment & Natural Resources Steering Committee Meeting – Ms. Davis

PM Pediatrics Grand Opening Reception – Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis, Mr. Putens, Mr. Herling and Ms. Pope

Board Of Education District 2 Representative Lupi Grady's Parent Teacher Organization Listening Session – Ms. Davis

Peace Month Event/Reel and Meal at the New Deal Café - Ms. Davis

Girl Scout Cadet Troop Meeting to Generate Service Ideas - Ms. Davis

Green Ridge House Crab Feast – Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis and Mr. Putens

Peace Pole Dedication at Greenbelt Community Church – Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis and Mr. Putens

Bike Rodeo – Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis and Mr. Putens

Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Board of Directors Meeting - Mayor Jordan

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Briefing on Coordination of Emergency Response – Mayor Jordan

Anacostia Trails Heritage Area Board Meeting – Mayor Jordan

Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service Annual Meeting – Mayor Jordan and Mr. Putens

Greenbelt Middle School Literacy Day Program – Mayor Jordan

KaBoom Playful Cities Announcement Ceremony – Mayor Jordan

MEETINGS: Council reviewed the upcoming meeting schedule.

Executive Session on June 22, 2015: Ms. Davis moved that Council schedule an Executive Session in the Library of the Municipal Building immediately following this meeting. Council will hold this closed meeting in accordance with the General Provisions Article 3-305(b)(7) of the *Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland* to consult with legal counsel to obtain legal advice.

Mr. Putens seconded.

ROLL CALL:	Ms. Davis	- Yes
	Mr. Herling	- Yes
	Ms. Mach	- Yes
	Ms. Pope	- Yes
	Mr. Putens	- Yes
	Mr. Roberts	- Yes
	Mayor Jordan	- Yes

Executive Session on June 25, 2015: Ms. Davis moved that Council schedule an Executive Session on Thursday, June 25, 2015, at 5:30 p.m. in the Library of the Municipal Building. Council will hold this closed meeting in accordance with the General Provisions Article 3-305(b)(1) of the *Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland* to discuss a personnel matter.

Mr. Putens seconded.

ROLL CALL:	Ms. Davis	- Yes
	Mr. Herling	- Yes
	Ms. Mach	- Yes
	Ms. Pope	- Yes
	Mr. Putens	- Yes
	Mr. Roberts	- Yes
	Mayor Jordan	- Yes

ADJOURNMENT: Ms. Davis moved that Council move into Executive Session (at 9:46 p.m.) in accordance with the General Provisions Article 3-305(b)(7) of the *Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland* to consult with legal counsel. Ms. Mach seconded.

ROLL CALL:	Ms. Davis	- Yes
	Mr. Herling	- Yes
	Ms. Mach	- Yes
	Ms. Pope	- Yes
	Mr. Putens	- Yes
	Mr. Roberts	- Yes
	Mayor Jordan	- Yes

Ms. Davis announced that Council would not return to open session.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Murray
City Clerk

"I hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct report of the regular meeting of the City Council of Greenbelt, Maryland, held June 22, 2015."

Emmett V. Jordan
Mayor

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Basil Early

- Greenbelt Resident & Transgender Swimmer on the Greenbelt Swim team

I am Basil Early, a swimmer on the Greenbelt Swim team. I have been swimming with the team for many years and have many friends on the team. Last year, I came out as transgender and have had the full support of my team mates, coaches, and even the president of our team.

The only issue I have run into is the discriminatory policy currently in place at the Greenbelt pool which makes the disabled/family room change room, the only place (according to the city) that I am allowed to change.

This room is a hassle since it is often occupied when I need to use it, and is only accessible by finding a life guard to open the door. For me, the last straw occurred on June 4. That day, after swim practice, I entered the room to find it covered in human excrement. When my mom complained to the pool, she was told incidents like that happen all the time in the family change room.

I have no intention of ever entering that room again. Since then, the pool officials have told me that I should use the lobby toilets to change and I have had to use the outside, utility hose to wash off the chlorine after swim practice. Then I bike home and shower there.

This summer, at all the away meets (where Greenbelt swim team competes at another pool), the other pools follow the Swimming USA policy of letting transgender swimmers use the locker rooms, changing facilities, and restrooms that are consistent with that swimmer's gender identity. This means that at other pools in the area, I am allowed to use the women's change room, but not at my own home pool. All the girls that I swim with - both on my team and the competition team, too - are all supportive and friendly to me in the change room.

came out

I just wish the Greenbelt Pool followed this policy, too.